

Dear friends and family,

We'd like to ask you to take a few minutes today, this weekend, or in the next week and pray for us and our ministry in Tübingen. Much like you, our lives and work have seen drastic changes in the last few weeks due to COVID-19. A brief update on our situation in Germany: Strict measurements have been put in place by the government for people to stay at home until at least April 20th, except for grocery shopping and exercise. Groups of no more than 2 people are permitted to meet up, and most businesses are closed. Non-profits like churches and our ministry Unterwegs cannot open again for meetings until mid-June - which for us, will be about halfway through the summer semester.

All that to say, in doing ministry we find ourselves in a time and place where God's guidance and mercy are needed in abundance! We face a lot of uncertainty in the coming weeks, and we are in need of a reliable God to stand beside us in the present moment and to guide us through these uncertain times.

We've made a small map of the Tübingen city center (the "Aldstadt", or old city) with some numbered points along a walk around the city that start and end at Unterwegs. We invite you to trace the map with your fingers and "walk" with God in prayer concerning the following topics:

- 1) For the Unterwegs team. It has truly never been a more challenging time to engage in community-based relational ministry than now. Pray for encouragement, and for creativity in rethinking our approach to ministry in this time.
- 2) For the health (physical, mental, and spiritual) of our students. Pray especially for those with mental health concerns, who will be particularly affected by the weeks of isolation.
- 3) For connection with God outside the Internet. While communicating online is the main medium all churches and ministries can use right now, we are praying for creativity in how our students can experience God in the real world right now, and not just the virtual world. Pray for inspiration as we seek to point out God's presence in an ever changing world.
- 4) For our family. Our daughter Lillian is currently out of school until at least after Easter, so the 4 of us spend a lot of time together each day. So far it has overall gone fairly well (knock on wood!). Pray for patience in parenting, and for eyes to see the special moments we are sharing together in this time.

5) For Ansley's language learning. She is doing online language learning 5 days a week with our local language school. It has provided lots of good structure to our days but is still a mentally taxing task! Pray for continued energy and motivation.

6) For students (both in Germany and all over the world) who are graduating this year into a world of uncertainty. Pray for peace and guidance as they enter into this next phase of life.

7) For the University of Tübingen. Many decisions will need to be made in the coming days for what the summer semester (from April to end of July) will look like for students. Those decisions will surely impact the form our ministry takes over the next few months. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the people making those decisions.

8) For the form and movement of ministry at Unterwegs following this pandemic. Pray that God is using this time to grow and shape our community to better bring about God's Kingdom, in Tübingen as is in heaven.

Thank you for your continuing prayers, encouragement, and support!

Much love, Tim and Ansley Crabtree, Missionaries

